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All-out drive planned on Hearst's scabbing

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

World full of experts

General Hershey has opened up and blasted the nation's news media — which is a newfangled word for what us old-time ace journalists call the Press, plus those newfangled radio and television outfits.

He is the latest of a long line of people who think that they know better than the Press does what is news and what isn't fit to print.

These experts are close kin to that other large group which knows how to manage a baseball team better than the manager.

There's only one other occupation that I know of which is bedeviled by as many people who think they know how it should be done and isn't being done by that bum who's doing it.

That's public relations. I'd venture that of every five people you could stop on the street, five would know just how to get an item in Herb Caen. Unless one of them happened to be Herb, that is.

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SO BACK TO Lewis B. Hershey, who was presiding back when somebody pulled my order number out of the big round fishbowl and who's still presiding.

He says that the media too often publicizes the wrong kind of news and too often gets the right news wrong.

He doesn't say why he is upset over what, but it's pretty clear that he doesn't like the fact that the media have publicized his policy that people who demonstrate against the draft should get drafted.

The draft is not a punishment.

If a draft demonstrator breaks the law, let the law, not the draft, take care of him.

Whether the general likes it or not, it's news when a 4-F with a heart condition gets 1-A because he is a demonstrator.

It becomes greater news when his draft board turns down his appeal, indicating that in order to punish a man of whom it disapproves, it's willing to send the Army a man the Army can't use.

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THERE'S a somewhat threatening note in the general's comment. He says a "free and uninfluenced press" is fine, all right, but "it cannot be permitted in the possession of the irresponsible."

The press comprises good, bad and indifferent publications. Just as soon as somebody sets himself up to determine which is which and in whose "possession" it is "permitted," it stops being free.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Correspondents columns will be found on pages 4 and 5 of this edition of the Labor Journal. Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6.

BTC votes to oppose Proposition J

Building Trades Council delegates voted this week to oppose Proposition J on the Oakland ballot.

In another major development, picketing at Camp Parks is to begin over the action of Litton Industries, Inc., the Job Corps contractor, in using instructors for repair and remodeling work in violation of agreements, Secretary-Treasurer J. L. Childers announced.

The decision on Proposition J came after a thorough airing of the pros and cons of the controversial set of measures at both the Executive Board and full Council meetings Tuesday.

Those arguing against Proposition J, in what Childers called "a legitimate difference of opinion," were concerned about the effect of the city charter revision on civil service protection for city employees and on wages and working conditions of people working for the Port of Oakland.

Proposition J, allowing the city council to set ground rules for civil service, must be passed if Proposition M, for district election of councilmen is to be effective.

Childers, in arguing for district election of Oakland city councilmen, agreed it was "a carrot they are throwing at us, but it also might turn out to be a bowl full of honey."

He said he had no argument against those who said there were protections left out of the charter revision that should be

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Cal Fed asks financial aid to L.A. fight

The California AFLCIO zeroed in on the long battle against Hearst scabherding last week in convention action asking a 5-cent per member per month voluntary contribution from affiliates

(Policy statements, action planned by California Labor Federation convention, page 8).

to back the 2,000 striking and locked-out newspaper unionists at the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner.

That was a major recommendation of a five-man special committee named by the California Labor Federation convention in Sacramento to explore ways in which the labor movement may intensify its support of Los Angeles newspaper unionists.

LONG BATTLE

Since December 16, the 2,000 members of 10 unions have been on Hearst Herald-Examiner picket lines while professional scabs produce the paper.

The committee's report, approved by the convention, listed seven points to rally the state and national labor movement

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CLC meeting Monday to launch E. Bay Humphrey drive

Alameda County labor will kick off its stretch drive to elect Hubert H. Humphrey when Seafarers President Paul Hall addresses the Central Labor Council meeting Monday night.

All CLC and Building Trades Council delegates are invited to attend and bring their families to the meeting at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Hall is head of the AFLCIO's West Coast Task Force for the Humphrey - Muskie Democratic ticket.

If Humphrey wins in November, it will be labor which puts him in office, the Labor Council was told this week — and it will take an all-out effort.

Executive Secretary - Treasurer Richard K. Groulx warned that too many "colorful" non-labor Democrats were deserting the top of the ticket for other campaigns.

He called on union members to "donate an hour of your time and a dollar of your money to COPE" to make labor's effort effective for the whole ticket, including Humphrey, Senatorial candidate Alan Cranston and State Senator Nicholas C. Petris.

"Going down the list of things which labor stands for — Medicare, repeal of 14(b), bargaining rights for farm workers — and Hubert Humphrey was there," he reminded the delegates.

CLC President Russell R. Crowell backed Groulx, pointing out that "if we lose not only the Presidency but also the Congress and State Legislature, we will have a very different kind of labor movement."

REAL CHOICE

"We have a real choice in this election," he stressed. Were Republicans to take over, the changes for labor would be a story of poor contract settle-

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HHH hailed at Labor Federation meet; cites record

The California AFLCIO gave Democratic Persidential standard bearer Hubert H. Humphrey a rousing reception at its convention last week.

Humphrey was cheered to the rafters of Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium when he told the California Labor Federation convention:

"You own the White House and you ought to have a friend in it."

He contrasted his liberal record with the "miserable, conservative and reactionary record" of his GOP opponent, Richard M. Nixon.

His convention appearance was before the largest audience which had heard him to date in his western campaign swing.

He pledged that an end to the Viet Nam war was a first priority of a Humphrey-Muskie administration.

And he pointed up the issues

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Fed names Groulx vice president; Jones re-elected

Alameda County Central Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx was elected a California Labor Federation vice president and Building Trades President Paul Jones was re-elected to his similar post at last week's convention.

In unopposed voting, the convention also re-elected Federation President Albin J. Gruhn and Secretary Thomas L. Pitts and added two other new faces as vice presidents.

Groulx succeeds retired CLC Executive Secretary - Treasurer Robert S. Ash who declined to run for re-election from District 10-A.

Jones was renamed to the District 10-B vice presidency.

Other new vice presidents are Sigmund Arywitz, secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, and George Faville, of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers in Eureka. Both filled vacancies.

Big boost in hospital cost disclosed

Hospital costs rose a staggering 13.4 per cent in 1967 over 1966—triple the annual over-all rise in consumer prices—a Social Security Administration announcement indicated last week.

The disclosure was made in a press release giving Medicare patients the sad news that their share of the cost of hospitalization would rise $4 to the first $44 of their hospital bill on January 1.

Now, they pay the first $40, said District Manager William B. Hayward of the Social Security Administration's district office in Oakland.

Congress' formula for their "deductible" payment increases it in the same proportion as the increase in Medicare in 1967 over 1968, with the provision that the boost be rounded off to the nearest multiple of $4.

The government found that the increase was $5.36 at the same ratio to the previous "deductible" amount as that at which hospital costs to Medicare patients advanced.

That is 13.4 per cent, but Medicare patients pay only 10 per cent more because it must be rounded off to $4.

A Social Security spokesman agreed that the 13.4 per cent boost in Medicare hospital costs would correspond to the overall boost for all patients.

In writing the Medicare law, Congress specified the $40 deductible payment at the outset of the program and ordered an annual review to be made, beginning this year.

If the review shows significant changes in hospital costs, the deductible amount must be adjusted.

Medicare patients also pay part of the cost for hospital stays from the sixty-first to the nineties day, and from the twenty-first through the 100th day of extended care treatment.

Those payments will also be increased 10 per cent to $11 a day for hospital care after the sixtieth day and to $5.50 a day beginning the twenty-first day of extended care.

HOW TO BUY

Social Security Scare Is a Fake

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal — Copyright 1968

It would take a Perry Mason to track down whoever is responsible for passing out the leaflets claiming "There is a bill before Congress that would destroy the Social Security Act." (There is no such bill before Congress).

Some people who have read the leaflet have become very agitated. They have written to their Congressmen and phoned union offices expressing fear that Social Security will be destroyed.

Since most people have to depend on Social Security for their basic old-age income, the leaflets are enough to scare anyone. They say that a bill pending before Congress would "channel the money you have paid, and will pay in the future, into welfare programs with the Administration empowered to determine what retirement benefit, if any, you would receive . . ."

THE LEAFLET goes on to say: "Aside from the fact that this would be outright confiscation of the money you have paid into the Social Security Fund over the years, no man should have this power. There are a lot of power-mad people in our country who would like to get their hands on the billions in the Social Security program in order to dole it out to their political supporters . . . Let your Congressman and Senator know how you feel about House Bill 5710."

The Social Security Administration tells us that these flyers first turned up last summer in the Memphis area. They were traced to a local businessman who first bragged about calling the leaflet to the attention of his employes by posting it on the bulletin board. Then he said he had been misled by something he had read.

A little later the same leaflets appeared in Georgia under windshields in supermarket parking lots around Atlanta, in faculty mailboxes at the University of Georgia in Athens, and in other places.

Then there was a flurry in Chicago, California and Florida. Last fall the leaflets hit New Jersey.

INVESTIGATORS have had a devil of a time tracking down the source. By the time the social security district offices went out to trace the origin, the track was cold. Even central office investigators have hit the same dead end. They go to the factory where the flyer was given out; management knows nothing about it, or knows it was circulated but not by management. The individual worker may remember only that he found it on his machine or desk or that another employe handed it to him.

You might suspect a conspiracy, but a conspiracy couldn't work as well. More possibly, the persistence of the leaflets and the anxious reaction indicates that people still have some of the fears that social security will change or be abolished hanging over from the Goldwater election campaign in 1964.

THIS CLIMATE of anxiety over social security apparently has been extended by magazine and newspaper stories since then, such as the one in Readers Digest last year. It alleged that social security funds were going to finance "foreign aid, the moon race . . . ," etc.

Some well meaning but thoughtless people have pyramided the rumor without first checking on it. During an American Legion meeting in one Eastern city, the commander read the flyer. There was a murmur of outrage from the audience. He suggested they write their Congressman. Later it turned out that the commander had picked up the flyer at the place where he worked.

A radio station phone-in program got a call from an angry woman whose son had brought home the flyer from his place of employment. The next day eight more people called who were worried about what they had heard on the preceding program.

The easy availability of office duplicating machines apparently also has helped get the leaflet around.

NEVER PAY any attention to any anonymous leaflet like this one. Also, here are the true facts to help you quiet any rumors that may float around your own place of employment or town:

- There is no House Bill 5710 now before Congress.
- Social Security Commissioner Robert M. Ball states that there are no other billls that would "channel the money into welfare programs" or "provide for a test of need" for social security, or "give discretion to administrators in determining the amount of benefits."
- There was a House Bill 5710 last year. It never would have done any of the things described. After some changes it became House Bill 12080. It was enacted into law early this year; increased social security benefits; made more people eligible, and made some improvements in Medicare.

There was no change in the regulations regarding your right to benefits, or the way they are figured. As before, benefits are paid as a matter of earned right with no requirement that you have to show financial need.

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HERE'S A NEW PLACE TO LOOK for the union label—on the uniform of the airline hostess. Josephine Sorrentino, ILGWU Convention delegate proudly fingers the union label displayed by TWA hostess Arlene Leonard as ILGWU Vice-President Frederick Siems looks on. In the smaller photo Frances Andrews of Local 114 sews the label into a TWA uniform.

U.S. tells how to avoid being swindled

A Consumer Guide for Older People, containing tips to help persons of all ages avoid sales frauds, has been issued by the Department of Health, Education & Welfare.

Here are some of its recommendations:

Don't fall for door-to-door salesmen's gimmicks. Tell them to come back next day while you check up on them with the police or Better Business Bureau.

Don't sign any door-to-door home repair salesmen's contract without checking. Make sure you're not mortgaging your home to pay for the repairs, determine if they're necessary, get other estimates on the job and consult the Better Business Bureau on the deal.

Don't fall for the "low monthly payments" pitch. Find out just what the interest rate is on a deal.

Make sure you understand everything in a contract or don't sign it.

Don't buy any health "cures" unless a doctor or health clinic vouches for them. The same for hearing aids or eyeglasses.

Check with the postal inspectors on mail advertising for "retirement havens" or "easy" ways to make money at home.

The guide is available free for single copies from the Administration on Aging, Social & Rehabilitation Services, HEW, Washington, D.C. 20201, or for 5 cents a copy from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Novel problem in tire buying

Motorists who switch their original tires for larger ones run the risk of speeding tickets—a novel consumer problem — says the California Highway Patrol.

Speedometers are calibrated on the size of the tire with which auto makers equip the car, the CHP explained. Bigger tires mean the speedometer will register a lower speed than that at which the car is moving.

The answer is to have the speedometer recalibrated when you install tires more than one-half inch larger.

Quacks profit on arthrities

Arthritis sufferers spend more than $300,000,000 a year on worthless or harmless "treatments, 'cures' and devices," University of California Associate Professor of Medicine Wallace Epstein warned.

There is no specific cure for arthritis, no matter what quack claims are made, Dr. Epstein pointed out. Medical treatment, however, usually prevents severe crippling if it is started in time, he said.

Arthritis victims, because of the agonizing pain of their disease, are driven to try such nostrums as filtered sea water, so-called "immune" milk, honey and apple vinegar combinations, alfalfa tablets, "glorified" aspirin, health spas, magnetic rings and copper jewelry.

The Arthritic Foundation estimates 90 per cent of arthritis patients have been exploited by some form of quackery, he said.

Most products advertising "temporary" or "long-lasting" arthritis relief are primarily composed of aspirin which can be bought under its own name for a fraction of the "glamor" products' price, Dr. Epstein disclosed.

Some of the other arthritis "cures" or nostrums can be harmful, particularly to victims of heart or other disorders, he said.

His advice if you have arthritis — see your doctor, and check with the local Arthritis Foundation before buying any medication, device or other products for arthritis treatment.

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Getting Your MONEY'S WORTH

In the process of testing a variety of electric plug-in toys, Consumers Union has come on one so hazardous that it has issued an immediate warning without waiting for completion of the full toy project.

The October issue of Consumer Reports says that the toy is the Rapco Metal Casting Set, No. 6710, and another version, Rapco C6710.

In both, the electric current leakage was sufficiently high to constitute a potentially lethal shock danger. Furthermore, the toy developed a temperature of 800 degrees F. inside the stove's recess, accessible when the ladle that holds the casting metal is not in place, and 500 to 600 degrees and more on some surfaces even with the ladle in place. Clothing and other combustible materials could easily catch fire in such circumstances.

A Rapco Model 5710 did not develop a shock hazard but was also rated Not Acceptable because of the same burn and fire hazards.

DESPITE the spiels emphasizing mysterious ingredients, the lowest-price fuel that meets your engine's octane requirements is all you need, says the October issue of Consumer Reports.

If your engins runs well on 94-octane fuel, burning 100 octane gives you no advantage.

The magazine quotes Neal A. Pritchard, vice president for automotive planning and market, analysis, TRW, Inc. as saying in Advertising Age:

"If we continue to insist . . . that a gasoline is better because it contains a certain ingredient, when practically all of them do, are we not asking for a 'truth in advertising' bill that would extend controls far beyond what exists now?"

Consumers Union found shopping for octanes virtually impossible since no brand was found with posted octane values. CU's shoppers acquired about 500 samples of 13 major brands and 75 independent brands in eight metropolitan areas in four of the 17 districts used by the Bureau of Mines in its biannual reports on octane ratings.

CU FOUND in each metropolitan area consistent octane values, from service station to service station, for any single national or independent brand of "regular" or "premium" regardless of price. In three of the four districts, octane values within each district for equivalent grades of gasoline were about the same for both majors and independents.

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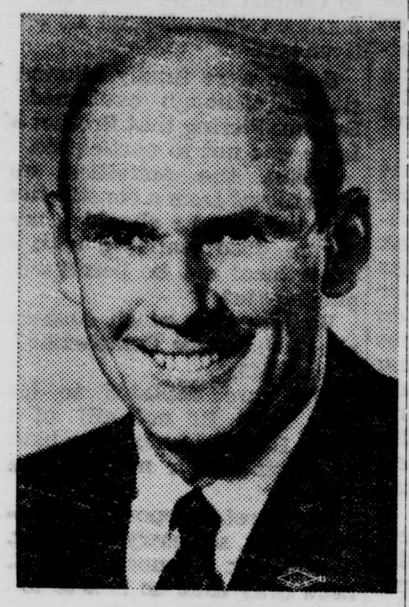
Cranston pulls ahead in polls; foe's smear hit

COPE-endorsed Senate candidate Alan Cranston has pulled ahead 12 percentage points in an election poll as Republicans continue to cross over to his side.

A group of moderate Republicans has called upon Maxwell Rafferty to apologize to Senator Thomas Kuchel for the way Rafferty won the primary.

APOLOGY DEMANDED

A letter signed by six members of the Republican State Central Committee and four oth-



ALAN CRANSTON

er prominent Republicans went to every member of the central committee, pointing out that Republicans should campaign against each other on issues, not personalities. They declared:

"Max Rafferty callously tossed aside the 11th Commandment and mounted a vicious personal attack of lies and smears against Senator Thomas H. Kuchel."

An equally forthright blast against the Republican nominee came from Owen Olpin, who resigned as president of the Pasadena chapter of the California Republican League to campaign for Cranston.

MISREPRESENTATION

"Again and again," he wrote the League, "Senator Kuchel's record was grossly misrepresented (by Rafferty).

"As one example, Rafferty repeatedly charged that Senator Kuchel voted in favor of spending United States tax dollars for steel mills in Red China.

"Rafferty would not now seek the endorsement of Senator Kuchel if this charge were true.

"By seeking Kuchel's endorsement, Rafferty has effectively admitted the charge was false."

One of the Republicans seeking an apology to Kuchel was Joe McCord of Fremont who flatly said that the GOP candidate won the nomination by "telling lies about Tom Kuchel."

Meanwhile, another poll gives Cranston an even greater margin in the race.

When asked whether he subscribes to the theory of "peaking too soon" Cranston said:

"No, the only way I run is the way I used to run the 440 at Stanford—flat out all the way; you run scared no matter what the polls might show."

CLC meeting to open HHH drive

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ments like those he has seen in "right-to-work" states, he warned.

Labor, not least importantly, is the "only institution able to provide equal opportunity in this country," Crowell said.

Drivers Decline to cross lines in grape boycott

Deliveries to Mayfair Markets' warehouse were stopped short a United Farm Workers Organizing Committee spokesman said, as informational picketing continued in the California table grape boycott.

Only one truck went through informational picket lines during the normally busy midnight to 9 a.m. hours, the UFWOC said, and it had a non-union driver.

Meanwhile, UFWOC repeated its call for volunteer help on the picket lines in support of the union's strike against big growers who refuse to negotiate wage and other improvements for farm workers. Volunteers may telephone UFWOC at 655-3256 or 626-7954 or the Alameda County Central Labor Council at 444-6510.

In San Francisco, more truck loads of grapes arrived on the Embarcadero where Teamsters refused to cross the farm workers' picket lines the week before.

These trucks were unloaded because growers and shippers hit back by filing a $25,000,000 damage suit against the Teamsters in federal district court.

The suit claims growers and shippers lost that much when members of Teamsters 85 would not cross the picket line to unload trucks from the valley. Officials of Local 85 pointed out some of the trucks had scab drivers. Union members had made their own individual decisions whether or not to cross a picket line, Teamster officials said.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Nobody listens to anti-Fortas filibuster

Michigan Republican Sen. Robert P. Griffin took two and one-half hours to read a 50-page speech to a handful of his colleagues.

South Carolina Democratic Senator Ernest F. Hollings propped up a book of political memoirs and read page after page to an almost empty Senate chamber.

"Mr. Republican," Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, had switched as GOP-Dixiecrat pressure mounted against confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas to be Chief Justice.

Dirksen said he would not oppose a filibuster — might not even vote for confirmation if he got a chance—and the filibuster was on. It was the first against a Supreme Court nomination.

If it prevents a Senate vote on President Johnson's nomination of Fortas, it would be a black day "at the expense of the constitutional structure of the federal government," Democratic Majority Leader Mike Mansfield warned.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL

After nearly three months of delay and hearings the Judiciary Committee had voted 11-6 to recommend that the Senate "advise and consent" to the Fortas nomination.

The committee, one of the most conservative in the Senate, detailed and answered the objections raised to the nomination. It cited the strong endorsement from leaders of the American Bar Association and concluded:

"Based upon the record of the hearing and upon a lifetime of distinguished accomplishment, it is our opinion that Justice Fortas is extraordinarily well qualified for the post to which he has been nominated."

NOBODY LISTENS

In the tradition of filibusters —from civil rights to repeal of Taft-Hartley's Section 14(b) — little attention was paid to the speakers who droned away the clock.

Hawaii Senator Hiram L. Fong said frankly that he had nothing against Fortas, except that the nomination was made by President Johnson in his last year in office. But he joined the filibuster.

"I would vote for Justice Fortas if the new President proposed him," Fong declared.

Hearing set October 23 in Labor Commission Suit

The last act — until a verdict in labor's suit against Governor Reagan's labor commissioner is set for Wednesday, October 23 in San Francisco superior court.

Hearings were held during the summer in the suit by the Alameda County Central Labor Council and the California State Council of Carpenters for a writ ordering Labor Commissioner William Hern to stop rejecting union members's claims for unpaid wages.

Hern's policy, reversing previous labor commissioners, is to send union members back to their unions for wage claim collection through grievance-arbitration procedure.

Arguments are scheduled before Superior Judge Andrew Eyman at 2 p.m., October 23, preceding his ruling.

The two labor bodies have pointed out that refusal to handle unionists' claims discriminates in favor of non-union workers. Grievance-arbitration machinery is long, costly and lacks the state's power to enforce wage claims, they have noted.

24-hour urban service

Labor's community services program has gone around the clock in some urban centers with referrals to agencies being made from neighborhood fire houses. Man-to-man guidance for chronically unemployed persons and a demonstration program in the arts are also included in the program expansion.

Jones succeeds Grundmann as Mailers president

K. Duane Jones has been elected president of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18, succeeding Dave Grundmann who resigned.

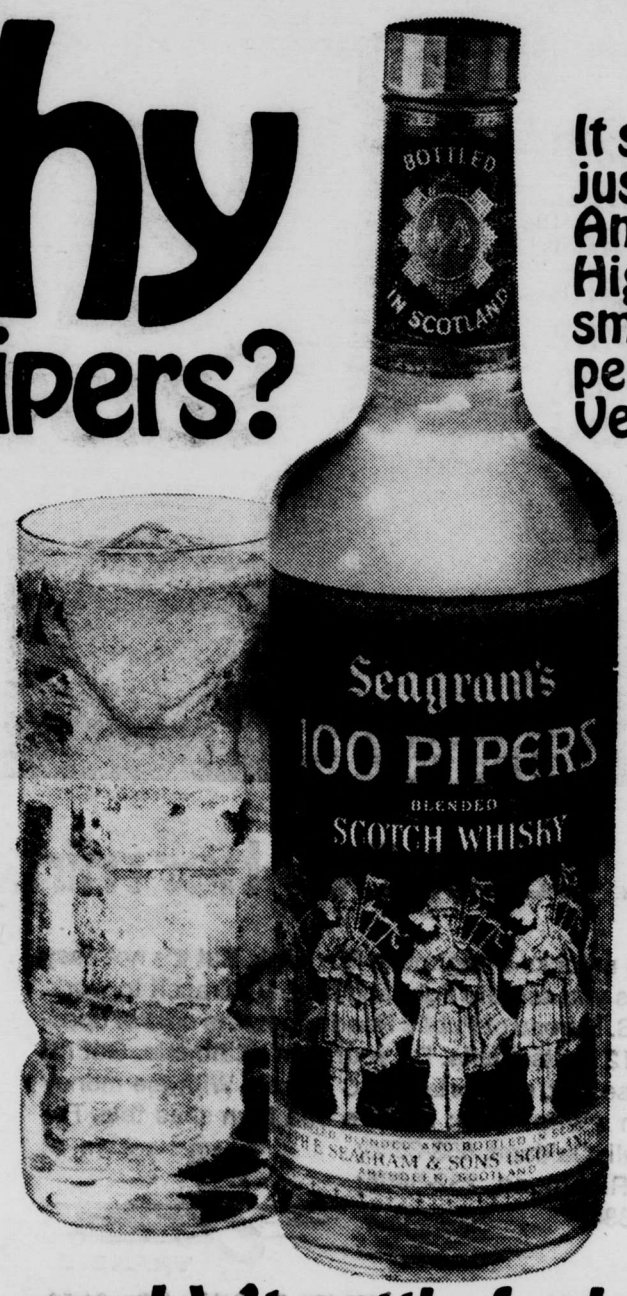
Jones, who was unopposed, was secretary-treasurer of the local from 1964 to 1967 and vice president in 1967-68.

He served his apprenticeship on the San Jose Mercury News, became a journeyman there and has worked on most Bay Area newspapers since then.

Jones was elected at the union's meeting September 15 in Oakland.

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Chips and Chatter

BY AL THOMAN

The list this last day of September topped off at 57 men. Calls are steady but slow. If the weather holds good work will keep up. I hear that fences will go up on the new Kaiser Building soon.

Brother Anton Sjoblon who is 83 years young was in this morning. He said that the broken hip he got last year set him back some, and he has to use a stick to get around.

We have a report that Brother Dawson passed on over the weekend.

Brother Art Simpson is in Merritt Hospital—no visitors. A timber fell and got him on the Post Office job.

I listened to Humphrey last Wednesday evening in Sacramento and sure wish we could get him more exposure. He had a lot to say that concerned us and our problems. He has done his homework over the years and knows the problems fully.

Ironworkers 378

BY DICK ZAMPA

The work situation is in good shape and it should continue so throughout the winter. Job openings up will be discussed at our next union meeting.

The Regular Executive Board meeting of October 9, and the Membership meeting of October 11 have both been cancelled. Your Officers will be at the International Convention in New York that week.

By the time you read this article, some of you should have receied your vacation checks, as they were to be mailed starting as of October 1.

All our apprentices should be registered in the evening classes by October 5. Failure to do so is cause for action to be taken against them, with a possibility of being dropped from the program.

Your Local Union Office has AFLCIO Union Labels available for all paid-up members. These may be displayed on your automobile. Those members mailing their dues in will receive their labels by mail. All others may obtain theirs by asking at the Union office.

Hans "Swede" Hansen was seriously injured on the job last week, and is in the Intensive Care Unit at Merritt Hospital. We regretfully announce the death of Brother Ertell, who passed away this past week. Listed here are some of those on the sick list: Jack Dowling, P. S. Smith, George Scott, Terry Mays, Paul Cottman, Ted Pangburn, Tex Donathon, Charlie Williams Jr., Lawrence Foster, Antonio Garcia, James Bateman and Vern Coburn.

Millmen's 550

BY ARSIE BIGBY

The Mill and Cabinet trade has had a marked improvement recently. In fact we've had some difficulty the past few days filling the Journeyman job calls, especially the calls for Bench men. I hope that this pickup trend in the trade continues. If it does continue, perhaps many of our former members will return to the trade. We lost more than 250 of our Union members about two years ago, when the building industry first went into its slump. I would imagine a lot of these former members would like very much to get back into the trade that they trained for.

And now a word about Politics:

If you don't know it already. I'll tell you now that I'm an unwavering supporter of Hubert H. Humphrey, for the office of President of the United States, in this coming November 1968 General Election.

Why? Simply because I believe in supporting the candidates who support us, and Hubert Humphrey's past voting record is the positive proof that he does support us in our time of need, both in argument and by vote.

Both of Mr. Humphrey's opponents are trying desperately hard to create a strong voter opposition to Mr. Humphrey, by attacking the General Policies, and programs of the Johnson administration as being total flops, and are saying that Mr. Humphrey (as Vice President) is equally responsible for these policies and programs of the Johnson administration.

Every one should know better than that, certainly Mr. Wallace and Mr. Nixon know better. But they are mercenary of course. If such foolish statements will get them any closer to becoming the next President, they will go right on talking such foolishness. It seems to me, for one to accuse the Vice President of being equally responsible for the President's programs and policies, would be like accusing the passenger for the driver becoming involved in an accident. In either case, neither person is at the controls to direct the course of action to follow.

I think the conservative Mr. Nixon has a lot of support from that so-called Liberal Democratic group that keeps bantering around the name of Senator Eugene McCarthy as an alternative candidate for President.

I don't, however, believe that they want McCarthy, or another candidate, other than Mr. Richard M. Nixon. I personally think that this group of people has been proseletyized by the Bircher conservative group, and just do not have the guts to come out and say so, and are throwing up this liberal McCarthy talk as a smoke screen to hide behind while they are doing their infighting to gain support for their scab-grape pusher, Mr. Richard M. Nixon.

I believe if this group of people were as liberal as they claim they are, they would have long ago been supporters of Mr. Hubert Humphrey, instead of becoming involved in hell raising tactics which are lending support and aid to Mr. Nixon, and those other conservative political candidates. Those conservatives who gloat and glory in the fact that they are opposed to the California Table Grape boycott being carried on by Cesar Chavez and those poor ill-housed, ill-clothed and ill-fed farm workers with whom those wealthy Valley ranchers have refused to negotiate for adequate wages and working conditions they so richly deserve from their hard labor.

How could anyone support or lend aid to any political candidate for the highest office in the land, who serves those scab picked grapes at their fund raising dinners? They boldly proclaim that they oppose the grape boycott, and thereby are committed to destroying the farm workers chances to elevate his living standards through collective bargaining, if elected.

There is much work to be done to make this country a better place for all citizens to live, and the job can't be done if we elect politicians who will deny the poor of some industries equal opportunities to elevate their conditions through union organization.

So let them stop lending support and aid to Mr. Nixon by throwing up this support of Eugene McCarthy smoke screen, as a sham of liberalism, if you want to claim to be liberal, then prove it by supporting the proven liberal, Mr. Hubert H. Humphrey.

AFSCME 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

However, after about three hours' sleep, the writer and Brother McLane, our Service Representative, traveled to Fresno, to attend a conference of State Hospital representatives.

This meeting had been called by brother Henry Fiering, new Executive Director of Council 49 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Our reception by Brother Fiering, to put it mildly, was less than cordial as, apparently, this conference was supposed to have been very hush hush. Since we all belong to AFSCME and also to Council 49, we could not understand this attempt at secretiveness.

So we were finally allowed to sit in, although cautioned by Brother Fiering that Brother McLane was not to participate.

Unless the activities there were illegal from a constitutional standpoint, why should a member in good standing with another local not be permitted to participate?

We are very much concerned about the "New Complexion" of Council 49.

We were titillated to learn that most (if not all) of the State Hospital unions are blessed by having their members' dues deducted.

We regret to report that Brother Lyman, secretary-treasurer, is in Herrick Memorial Hospital. Let's pray that he is able to return, soon.

Rail union backs Meade

Kenneth A. Meade, COPE-endorsed Sixteenth Assembly District Democratic nominee, has received the endorsement of the State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen.

Stay in school: Johnson

President Johnson has issued a proclamation urging America's youth to stay in school and calling upon the American public to help keep youngsters in school.

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JOE W. CHAUDET, General Manager

Retail Clerks Local 870

BY CHARLES F. JONES

As you have been previously notified, nominations for all elective offices of the Union will be held at the regular membership meeting on October 8, 1968 at 8 p.m. in the Union auditorium, 6537 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland. Eligibility rules are as follows:

1. Have completed 12 consecutive months' active membership in the Union next immediately preceding nomination, and

2. Has not had, during such 12 month period, charges preferred and sustained or has not been the subject of disciplinary action by the Executive Board, and

3. At the time of nomination is in good standing.

Members nominated must be present at the meeting to accept or decline the nomination, except that where the member is working, ill, or has another legitimate excuse for his absence it will be permissible to accept his name in nomination provided the member making such nomination presents to the presiding officer written authority from the absent member to do so.

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

Up until the time we held the San Francisco Membership Meeting on September 19, there had been no meetings held with the Employers' Organization with regard to negotiating a new contract.

It therefore became necessary that the union membership adopt certain acceptable proposals for presentation during negotiations. Prior to the October 1 meeting in San Jose, meetings were held with the Employers' Organization and the Executive Board held a Special Meeting to approve the provisions agreed upon during the negotiations. The proposals agreed upon were approved by the Executive Board who agreed unanimously that the settlement was a most satisfactory one, inasmuch as it was in accord with the demands of the membership.

In the next column we will report on our new agreement.

Meetings will be held in San Francisco and in San Jose on October 14, 1968, for those employes whose employers have not signed the new agreement.

Carpenters Credit Union

BY PAUL HUDGINS

New car fever hits many of us at this time of year. We urge every member to shop around among good reputable dealers and then check with your credit union.

Call us first, if you wish, and we can tell you the correct trade-in value of your old car. It's only worth the "wholesale book" minus a deduction for every dent, scratch and tear, or other needed work.

Your Credit Union can save you money on financing. Life insurance covering the loan is automatic on all eligible borrowers, at no extra cost. Temporary disability insurance is available at low cost.

If you don't want to go to the credit union for financing, go to your own bank. You will save money compared to letting the dealer handle the financing.

Don't sign a "Conditional Sales Contract." Just have the dealer write it up on his own purchase order form, and then shop for financing. We need that dealer paper if we are to finance the car. We cannot use a conditional sales contract.

Your Credit Union will tell you the truth in every detail. We saved one good member $444 on financing a $2,000 balance for 3 years. The dealer would have given the buyer another $200 off the price of the car to get that financing.

It would even pay you to take a day off work to save on financing. See your credit union and save.

When you start saving regularly you begin to be successful.

Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Brothers at our regular September meeting three petitions were presented and read. The first is to have an organizing fund assessment of $2.50 per month for members working full time and a $1 assessment for part time workers for a six month duration.

The second petition is to raise the price of all services 25 cents across the board. The third petition was to open Monday, December 23 this year only, as Christmas falls on a Wednesday, inasmuch as we are closed on Mondays, there is only one day to take care of the Christmas haircuts. This would be optional.

The members voted unanimously to have a Special meeting on Tuesday night October 8 at union hall for a second reading of the above resolutions.

Here is some news for some of our members. On recommendation from President Joe De Paola the following changes were made by the Pension Committee:

As of December 31, 1968 all present members who are participating at $1 per month for each year, will automatically receive the basic $25 pension benefit as of January 1, 1969. This means that the members that joined after January 1, 1967 and were only entitled to a pension of $1 per year buildup until they reached 65 years and retirement will now pick up the basic $25 as of January 1969. All new members joining the local before December 31, 1968 will also be privileged to enjoy the $25 basic pension benefit as of January 1, 1969.

There will be NO additional units for present members or new members until further advised. This means that all members carrying only one unit will not be able to add the second unit as was possible last year at this time. Additional units will be made available at a further time, but for those members who hold membership prior to December 31, 1968 ONLY.

A member who dropped out for any reason will not be entitled to a Pension until he completes a new cycle of five years participation following his new enrollment in the pension plan. So you see brothers our pension plan is growing and improving.

FIGHT Hearst scabbing. Don't buy Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Harper's Bazaar, Hearst magazines, newspapers or books.

New meeting to be set up in auto salesmen's dispute

A meeting aimed at finding ways to call off an interunion battle over representation of sales employes of seven struck South County automobile dealerships was to be held this week.

The session, at a date to be set, will bring together representatives of the Teamsters and Retail Clerks with Alameda County Central Labor Council representatives.

The issue, threatening a jurisdictional contest, is Teamster Automotive Employees 78's petition to represent salesmen at the seven struck firms of the Hayward Motor Car Dealers Association.

Automobile Salesmen 1095, a Retail Clerks affiliate, had struck the Association August 6 after long negotiations failed to produce a contract settlement.

Secretary - Treasurer Vincent Fulco of Local 1095 said those attending would include Jack Goldberger and Joseph Diviny, Teamsters international officials, and CLC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx.

Meanwhile, an NLRB hearing on Local 78's petition was postponed a fourth time until next Tuesday.

Complicating the strike was picket-line crossing, after the walkout's first seven days by craft union workers, plus strikebreaking by a number of salesmen.

Fulco said some dealers were reported ready to negotiate but no bargaining can take place while the NLRB petition is in effect.

Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. If a broken clock is correct once every twelve hours, we suppose a loser can win once in a decade. Nixon's a loser. Still, experts predict this time is his turn. Sorry about that.

Nixon was wrong for California when he ran against Brown. He was wrong for the Nation when he ran against John Kennedy. If workers fall for his bland brand of doubletalk, we may see a Loser leading a lost electorate. What a revolting development that will be.

Nixon blames poor people for being poor. He aids Big Business to exploit employes. He condemns Farm Workers into economic slavery.

Yea though we walk through a valley of shadowy voters, we fear upheaval. The bigoted ballot betrays us. They reject views of those who toil.

Our cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy should follow some of the days of our life. Or we shall dwell with our misery forever. Don't let it happen. Elect a compassionate President. Not Nixon. Okay? Okay.

Monsignor Boland dead

Monsignor John P. Boland, pioneer in the field of better labor-management relations, died in a fire at the parish house of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, in Buffalo where he was pastor emeritus. He was 80.



VICE PRESIDENT Hubert Humphrey is seen with his running mate Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine and Humphrey's wife, Muriel, after the Democratic National Convention nominated the Humphrey-Muskie ticket,

House ends striker, student exclusion from food stamps

The House of Representatives last week approved a new measure to continue and expand food stamp help to the poor and to knock out the previous amendment excluding strikers' families and students. The vote was close —189 to 172.

Slipped into the bill which the House passed late in July was an amendment by Representative Charles M. Teague, an ultra-conservative California Republican to ban food stamp help for "any person who is engaged in a strike, labor dispute or voluntary work stoppage . . ."

NO STUDENTS

College students also would have been excluded. The only exceptions to the ban would have been persons who had already had food stamp help before becoming engaged in a dispute with management or going to college.

A House-Senate conference knocked out the amendment, and the House accepted its version. Senate passage was expected.

Under the conference bill, food stamp aid is extended through December 31, 1970 and the Agriculture Department gets authorization to spend $315,000,000 in this fiscal year, $340,000,000 for the 1969-70 fiscal year and $170,000,000 for the next six months.

That contrasts with the original recommendation by the department to allow only $225,000,000 food stamps through next June 30.

CHANGES STARTED

After touring some of the nation's poverty neighborhoods and talking to last spring's Poor People's Marchers, Agriculture Secretary Orville Freeman recommended lifting the ceiling.

Earlier, the department pleaded lack of funds for indefinitely cancelling most planned new stamp programs, including the one which Alameda County had set up to start July 1.

The local program got moving August 1 after strong labor and community protest to Washington.

Labor college backed

The idea for a labor college has won wide support by all levels of labor leadership, in-depth interviews and other discussions disclose, says the AFLCIO's department of education. The department will report to the executive council in the winter of 1969 on the project.

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RETAIL CLERKS 870

The next regular membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. at the union auditorium, 6537 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland.

Fraternally,
CHARLES F. JONES
Pres.

MILLMEN'S 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Union 550 will be held on Friday, October 18, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 228-229 of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif. Please make a special effort to attend.

Work has picked up considerably and we are in need of good journeymen. If you are out of work be sure that you register with the office at least once each week. You can do this by phone if you are unable to get to the office.

Members who move are reminded that they must notify the office of their new address and phone number. Quite a few of our members have moved and have notified the Labor Journal of their change of address but do not notify the Union office.

Fraternally,
GEO. H. JOHNSON
Fin. Sec.

BARBERS 134

ATTENTION!

A specially called meeting will be held at Union Headquarters on Tuesday, October 8, 1968, to have a second reading on three petitions submitted at our regular September meeting.

1. A petition to enact a $2.50 Organizing Fund assessment ($1.00 for part time workers) for a duration of 6 months.
2. A petition to raise the cost of services 25 cents across the board.
3. A petition to open Monday, December 23, 1968, this year only.

Our regular October meeting will be held on Thursday night, October 24, 1968, at 8 p.m. at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Brothers, Local 134 does NOT sponsor the present Barbers Credit Union. This Credit Union is NOT affiliated with Local 134 in ANY WAY. DO NOT call Local 134 on any matter pertaining to this Credit Union.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED
Sec.-Treas.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Regular meetings of Local Union No. 1149 will be held at 8 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, and the third Monday of each month at 115 Broadway, Oakland.

A Special Called Meeting will be held Monday, October 7, 1968 at 2085; 3rd Street, San Francisco, for the purpose of nominating and electing a trustee to fill the unexpired term vacancy.

Fraternally,
TED L. KNUDSON,
Fin. Sec.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, October 3, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Please attend.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Rec. Sec.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board Meeting, Friday, October 11, 1968, 8 p.m. Local Union Office, 3315 E. 14th St., Oakland, Calif.

Board of Trustees, 7 p.m. at Local Union Office.

Regular Membership Meeting, Friday, October 25, 1968, 8 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
EDWARD M. SOTO
Rec. Sec.

E. B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

SAN LORENZO 390HS
Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m., 1571 Via Hermana, San Lorenzo.
ASSESSORS 390GR
Monday, October 7, 5 p.m., 7-Chefs Restaurant, San Leandro.
CITY OF BERKELEY 390
Tuesday, October 8, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.
CITY OF OAKLAND 390F
Wednesday, October 9, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.
GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., Union Headquarters, 150 Grand, Oakland.
CITY OF EL CERRITO 390E
Monday, October 14, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.
PORT OF OAKLAND 390P
Tuesday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., Union Headquarters, 150 Grand, Oakland.

The Legal Clinic has been expanded from Thursday to a Monday through Friday schedule. Please call 451-1565 for an appointment.

(Special Meetings of Chapters may be called from time to time. Notices of same will be mailed to the affected membership.)

Fraternally,
R. J. KRAUSE,
Pres.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local No. 194 meets each first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Ave., Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

Fraternally,
F. M. GLADDEN,
Rec. Sec.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Rec. Sec.

CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings of Carpenters Local Union No. 36 are held the first and third Thursday of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, Calif., at 8:00 p.m. The Financial Secretary's office has been moved. Please note our new location. Address all correspondence to our new address above. Phone 569-3465.

The office hours of the Financial Secretary shall be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1:00 p.m.

Effective until January 1, 1969, dues are $8.50 per month. Effective January 1, 1969, dues shall be increased to $9.50 per month.

Please watch this space for any and all official important information.

Fraternally,
CLAUDE W. DILLON,
Rec. Sec.

SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

Meeting date fourth Friday of each month. Regular meeting at 7 p.m. at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VICTOR C. BRANDT,
Sec.-Bus. Rep.

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting of the Oakland, California Unified School Employees Union Local No. 257 will be held Saturday, October 12, 1968 at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, California, at 10:30 a.m.

The Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m. Please notify the Executive Secretary if you cannot be present.

It will be necessary for us to look for a new hall so please watch for the announcement in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Exec. Sec.

AFSCME, U.C. LOCAL 371

The next regular membership meeting will be held on Saturday, October 12, 1968.

Time—2 p.m.

Place—Room 155, Kroeber Hall, Berkeley Campus.

The Executive Board will meet at 12 noon.

It is very important to have a good turnout, brothers.

Any member having special problems should feel free to present them. Your Executive Board, with our service representative, Bob McLane, will have continuing meetings and negotiations as to your working conditions, salary raises, etc. G & B, Personnel and Business Office will all be involved. We have your improved welfare in mind at all times.

Fraternally,
HAROLD LYMAN,
Sec.-Treas.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
WRAY JACOBS,
Bus. Rep.

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Be a good member. Attend union meetings.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec. Sec.



MURRAY-GREEN AWARD was presented to Health, Education & Welfare Secretary Wilbur J. Cohen at the recent national AFLCIO Community Services conference. Presenting the award and a check was Community Services Chairman Joseph A. Beirne, left. Joining in the presentation was Community Services Activities Director Leo Perlis.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

SPECIAL NOTICE

Nominations for the office of one Trustee will be made at the regular meeting of November 5, 1968.

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10264 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Rec.-Sec.

CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

National Conference deaths are now due and payable through NC 306. Also due is a $2 Death Assessment for Sister Alice McKee who passed away August 17. $1 is due for the Painter and Decorator magazine.

Fraternally,
G. A. McINTIRE,
Rec. Sec.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES 1675

Regular membership and Executive Board meetings of Alameda County units of Public Employees Union, Local 1695, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, are held as follows:

HAYWARD UNIFIED SCHOOLS
Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month in the maintenance yard of the school district, 24400 Amador Street.

E.B. REGIONAL PARKS
Meets at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Lake Temescal Club House.

OAKLAND RECREATION DEPT.
Meets at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saurday of each month at Brookfield Village.

ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOLS
Meets at 1 p.m on the second Saturday of each month in the Cafetorium of Encinal School.

FREMONT SCHOOLS
Meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Saurday of each month at Blacow School.

SAN LEANDRO SCHOOLS
Meets at 10 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Woodrow Wilson School. The Executive Board of the unit meets the Thursday before each meeting at 7 p.m. at Bancroft Junior High School.

BERKELEY SCHOOLS
Meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each monh at LeConte School, 2241 Russell Street, Berkeley. Executive Board meeings are held at Le Conte School at 9:30 a.m. on the morning of the membership meetings.

Fraternally,
HENRY L. CLARKE,
Bus. Mgr.

Big boost in jobs

Nonfarm payroll employment in the United States rose nearly 12,000,000 between 1961 and 1967, says the Labor Department.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The office of the financial secretary is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

The stewards meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The stewards' training program will be held in conjunction with the stewards' meeting.

Our regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 8 p.m., 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

Our Social event is held on the fourth Thursday of each month following our regular meeting.

Members who can contribute toward the $257.50 cost of a grave marker for Brother John W. Merrill, who passed away December 13, 1967, should contact the financial secretary.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Sec.

IRON WORKERS 378

Our regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Our regular Membership Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
RICHARD L. ZAMPA,
Fin. Sec. & Asst..
Bus. Agent

Group health plans aided

Group practice prepaid health plans will be set up in three cities in a project partially funded by the AFLCIO. The federation's initial $5,000 contribution went to Group Health Association of America, under contract to the public Health Service, to design new health care plans on an experimental basis.

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Candidates' records --the real comparison

Amid the glowing generalities of the Republican Presidential candidate's expensive, smoothly-directed campaign, one salient fact stands out—he cannot match the record of the Democratic standard-bearer, Hubert H. Humphrey, so he is not trying.

There is a wide difference between the two men—a difference which shows that liberals and working people have most to gain by the election of Humphrey.

There is no comparison between Humphrey's long support of your right to improve your pay and conditions through your unions and Richard M. Nixon's boast that he had much to do with the Taft-Hartley Act, which crippled union ability to produce for you.

There is no comparison between Humphrey's pioneer and finally successful support of Medicare and Nixon's lack of action in the whole field of Social Security—until, goaded by Humphrey's call for higher benefits, he has come out with a "me too" campaign promise which his record does not back up.

Remember Humphrey's long and effective advocacy not only of Medicare but federal aid to education, food stamps, the Peace Corps, the nuclear test ban treaty, international arms control and disarmament.

Ask the Republican candidate to tell you what he has done for those measures for domestic welfare and peace. And ask him why, while blaming the Viet Nam war and its effects on the Democrats, he has never had the grace to disclose his long-heralded "peace plan."

Remember the three recessions while Nixon was vice president—something he doesn't mention while trading on his former place in a GOP administration. Compare today's high employment.

Nixon appeals for "law and order" but has little to say about measures to eradicate poverty and lack of education—the root causes of crime.

Compare that with Humphrey's support of law enforcement with justice—noting that lawlessness can never be eradicated until its causes are stamped out.

As he woos your vote, the Republican candidate makes it clear that he supports Taft-Hartley's provision allowing the compulsory open shop. That is in harmony with his record in Congress where, including his early advocacy of Taft-Hartley, he voted wrong on 76.6 per cent of key issues affecting workers' welfare.

In 16 years as a United States Senator, Humphrey's record on the other hand was not just one of the best. It was 100 per cent right for working people, 100 per cent for you.

Poverty is the boycott issue

Republicans who hope to be elected to high office this year are loud in their scorn of the United Farm Workers' and labor's boycott of California table grapes.

The GOP leaders say nothing of the real problem which is that farm employers are not required to bargain and refuse to bargain with their employes' organization which seeks to improve pay and conditions which are the worst for any group of American workers.

In 1966, the latest year for which figures are available, the United States Department of Agricuture finds these were average farm wages:

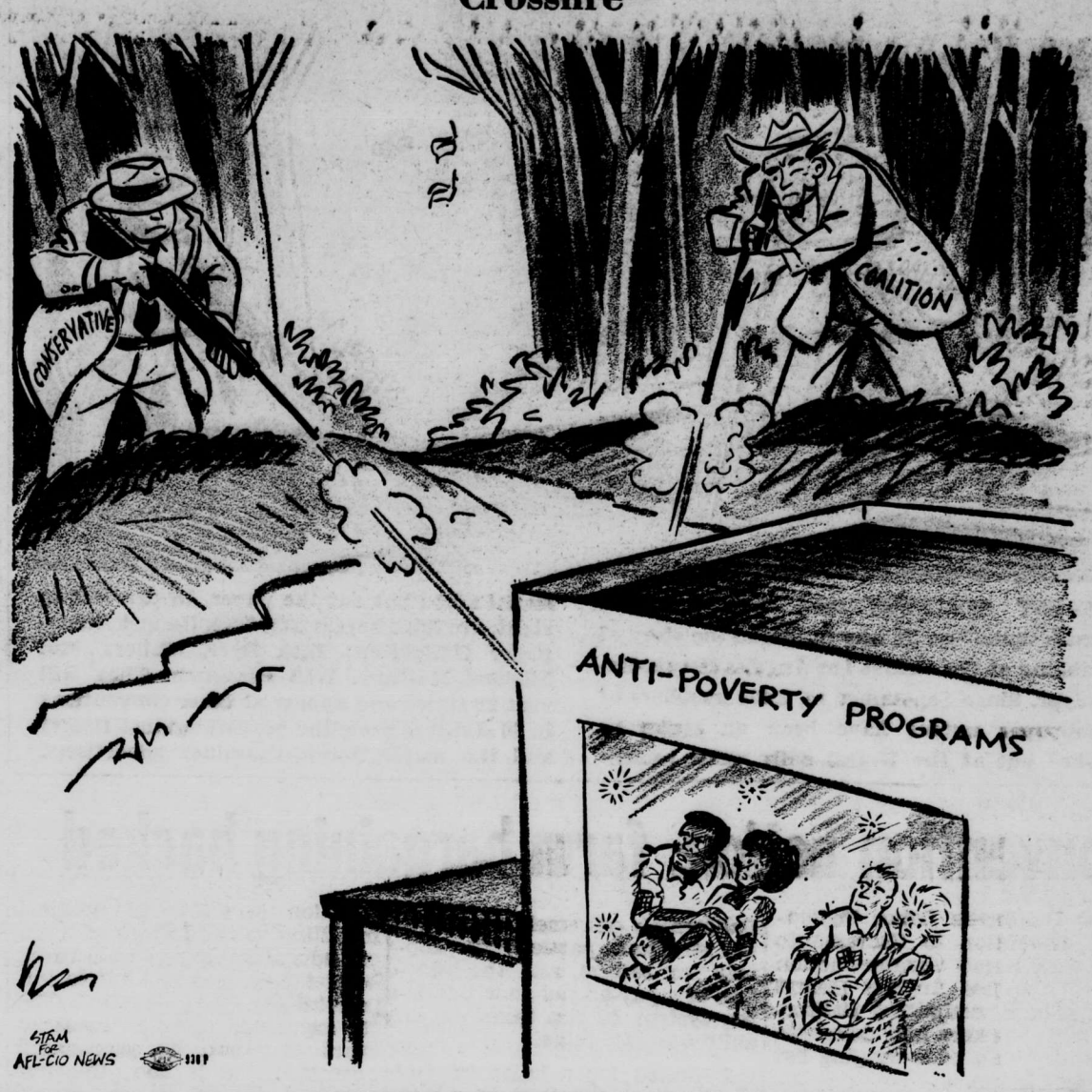
- For the 1,700,000 persons whos only work was on the farms--$894 for the year in which they were able to find an average 104 days of work.
- For those with both farm and nonfarm jobs—$1,880 for 164 days at all their occupations.
- For domestic migratory workers—$1,307 for their average 121 days.
- Noncasual workers, with what passes for regular employment on the farm—$1,188 for 138 days of work.

For more than three years, farm workers have been on strike against big vineyardists who will not negotiate their union's proposals to improve wages and conditions and gain job security.

So farm unionists have no recourse but to ask you not to buy the grapes. They have posted informational picket lines at Bay Area chain stores which continue to handle California table grapes.

You can help by refusing to buy and you can join the United Farm Workers' picket lines. All it takes is a phone call to the union, 655-3256, or the Alameda County Central Labor Council, 444-6510, for your picket assignment.

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HECKLERS GET MORE THAN EQUAL TIME

Editor, Labor Journal:

As two great statesmen hit the campaign trail to speak to the American voters, thousands of dignified citizens were gathered to hear them. These two great men were none other than Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, a candidate for President of the United States of America, and a United States Senator from the State of Massachusetts, Edward Kennedy.

They were shouted down by a mob of about 500 to 600, judging from what it looked like on television. We were unable to see either Mr. Humphrey or Mr. Kennedy for more than a few seconds. The American people were given a good view of the mob to assure us it was demonstrating against Humphrey and Kennedy.

Could it be Kennedy and Humphrey were violating the rights of this mob? They must have been. You could hear 40 or 50 of the mob screaming bloody murder, which reminds me of two three-year-olds who were discussing mob demonstrations:

One says, "When I'm a little older, I want to be one of those demonstrators."

The other says, "Not me, that's a violation of the law."

"Not in an election year. And, look, you get on television; you get your picture in the paper, too."

"Yes, but suppose you get cracked on the head with a night stick."

"Yes, but that would never happen if the police would let the demonstrators alone. Besides I think the news reporters think this all represents America in style if you really act tough, wear your hair long and don't take a bath too often."

Please don't mislead a child.

LEWIS C. CURTIS,
Hember, Hayward
Carpenters 1622.

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PRESIDENT ON CAMPAIGNING

"In such a time, when feelings are so deep and emotions are so high, it is tempting for some to play upon the fears and uncertainties of their countrymen.

"For some the temptation is to trade openly on anger and discontent; to arouse emotions in order to exploit them; to pander blatantly to fear and prejudice; to use the code words of hate; to offer rhetoric and slogans and angry accusation in the place of solutions." — **President Lyndon Johnson.**

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GRAPE BOYCOTT, A FIGHT ON MISERY

Don't buy California grapes. Whatever the price, they're no bargain.

Every bunch of grapes you buy means misery for the men, women and children who toil in the vineyards where the "grapes of wrath" are grown.

Every bunch you buy helps to subsidize a massive attack on the living standards of the striking farm workers.

All the workers ask is sanitary quarters in the farm labor camps, drinking water and toilets in the fields, honest weight of the grapes they pick, a fair day's pay for a hard day's work, recognition of their right to bargain with the boss through a union of their own choosing.

The national boycott against California grapes is hurting the corporation farms. With your continued support of the boycott, the big growers will hurt even more—until they grant to the striking farm workers the same collective bargaining dignity which protects your family's living standards. — **Oregon Labor Press.**

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MISSION OF LABOR

I believe that human labor is the source of all wealth. Nothing on this earth can be used or has any value without some form of human labor.

The mission of the trade unions is to insure that those who create the wealth shall receive a fair share for their labor.—**President Roy Siemiller, International Association of Machinists.**

CITES VIOLENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Editor, Labor Journal:

First, I state that I am categorically opposed to violence, as a solution to human problems.

However, the recent uproar over militant black groups prompts me to make a few statements about American history.

Although flavored liberally in favor of the righteousness of American causes (excepting perhaps, that by Professor Hicks) most histories are resplendent with episodes of bloodshed in the establishment and expansion of American progress.

I am dubious of the perspicacity of "violent critics" of so-called violent black militant black groups like the Black Panthers, Black Muslims, and individuals like H. Rap Brown, and Stokely Carmichael.

In a recent news item, a certain politician stated that Cleaver should be lynched; for his information, this form of execution is not new, as it has been performed upon many black people in the past.

To those extreme haters of the above individuals and groups: How long have organizations like the Ku Klux Klan and White Citizens Councils been extant?

How many Indians and Mexicans were slaughtered in America's need to expand her frontiers?

If America's conscience, moral and spiritual values are not aroused by these indictments, let's not forget Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. These abhorrent features of American History should arouse feelings of a stigmatic shame in all of us (if felt). Perhaps we should return to the almost 300 years of black slavery in America, the dehumanization, brutalization, and then release, by the Emancipation Proclamation — without means of subsistence, nor indemnification.

Let us pray.

NAT DICKERSON,
Recording Secretary,
AFSCME UC
Employees 371



HEARST STRIKERS send their four-man "truth squad" on its way to spread the story of scabbing at the Hearst Los Angeles Herald-Examiner. Since September 15, 2,000 members of newspaper unions have been on strike or locked out at the Hearst daily while professional scabs put out the paper. In car, left to right, are Stan Porgar and Dick Houdek, Newspaper Guildsmen; Jack Dyer, Mailers, and Michael Mulcahy, Web Pressmen. They will visit 22 states and appear at labor conventions in 16 states to press the boycott against Hearst and the major Herald-Examiner advertisers.

Convention action: farm bargaining backed

The California Labor Federation convention in Sacramento last week urged vigorous action to win for Los Angeles Hearst strikers and embattled California farm workers and delegates set policy on a wide-ranging list of major issues.

Despite major breakthroughs in the last two years, the convention charged, farm workers still lack basic legal guarantees of their right to organize and "are often at the mercy of local courts which tend to reflect virulent anti-labor attitudes of the grower commumnity."

BARGAINING RIGHTS

It urged:

- Coverage for farm workers under the National Labor Relations Act's collective bargaining guarantee and under a similar state statute.
- Unemployment insurance for farm workers.
- Federal Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage, maximum hours and State Fair Employment Practices Act protection for agricultural labor.

The only solution to low wages, unemployment and other problems of farm workers is union organization, the convention said.

In other action the Federation:

1. Urged complete reform of California's extremely regressive tax structure, particularly property tax reform, and the adoption of a pay-as-you-go withholding system to put taxes on an ability-to-pay basis.

2. Called for a balanced full employment economy in which all segments of society prosper, and attacked the Reagan administration's view that the private sector alone knows what is best.

3. Said it was unfair to cut off a worker's employe-paid disability benefit because his union is in a labor-dispute. Presently, disability benefits are stopped while workers are unemployed during a trade dispute unless they have been injured by accident or hospitalized.

4. Denounced the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia as a "dastardly" repudiation of the United Nations charter.

5. Scored reactionary forces out to cripple the labor movement by pushing bills outlawing the union shop, destroying industrywide and coordinated bargaining, and replacing the NLRB with a labor court. The convention asked strengthening of laws protecting workers.

5. Demanded boosts in unemployment insurance benefits and extension to farm workers.

6. Charged the Reagan administration is guilty of political meddling in the affairs of higher education by emphasizing budget cuts and seeking to impose tuition. The delegates called for expansion of both the Head Start Program, to year-round operation, and the Teacher Corps.

Of financial support to education, the convention said:

"Only the federal government has the taxing power to fairly meet the nation's growing educational needs because virtually every city and state now faces financial crises caused by regressive tax systems and a limited tax base."

7. Called for action and involvement by all concerned Americans in the cause of equal opportunity. While signifcant legislative progress has been made, "when matched against need, it is pitifully inadequate," the representatives of the state's 1,400,000 union members said.

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Humphrey cites liberal record; cheered at Federation meet

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of the long California grape strike and boycott, urging the big growers to end their refusal to sit down and bargain with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee as representative of exploited agricultural workers.

"The strike and boycott arise from the fact that there is no law to protect farm workers," he said, noting the long exclusion of farm labor from bargaining rights.

PROTECT FARM WORKERS

"The farm worker needs the protection of the law and when I am elected President he's going to get the protection of the law," Humphrey pledged.

"The National Labor Relations Act is in the best interests of an orderly economy and every worker should have these protections. And I want all to know that I will send a recommendation to Congress to include farm workers where they justly belong."

But under the present circumstances with the farm workers excluded from the NLRA, Humphrey said the choice confronting the growers is "bargain or boycott."

Humphrey came to Sacramento from Southern California where he had called for big increases in Social Security benefits, which he pointed out, the nation can well afford.

WOULD DEBATE NIXON

He repeated at Sacramento his so-far unsuccessful plea to Nixon to debate the issues. Apparently in reaction to Humphrey's call for more adequate Social Security, Nixon then came out with his own proposal for more benefits.

But the Republican candidate still had not commented on the ban on farm worker bargaining despite his condemnation of the boycott.

He noted that Nixon had voted for the union-busting provisions in the Taft-Hartley Act; had voted to pass it over President Truman's veto; and had called the medicare program "a cruel hoax."

Humphrey, who has consistently championed medicare and adequate social security and jobless pay benefits, declared that Nixon "has a miserable, conservative, and reactionary record. And you know it!"

WATCH REAL NIXON

Humphrey told the labor delegates not to worry about the "new Nixon" or the "old Nixon."

"The one you've got to worry about is the real Nixon," he said.

The Republican "trickle-down theory of economics" cost workers $175,000,000,000 in lost income during the eight years Nixon was vice president, Humphrey charged.

"During those eight Republican years," he said, "the personal take-home income for a family of four rose only nine per cent."

But in the past eight Democratic years, he said, it has risen 32 per cent.

VIVA LA DIFFERENCE!

"I hope this tells you the difference between Nixon and Agnew, and Humphrey and Muskie."

In a San Francisco speech the next day, Humphrey took on Nixon's and George Wallace's "law and order" stance, noting that Wallace's state of Alabama has the nation's highest murder rate and it might be a good idea for the segregationist to make that his first priority.

Nixon, whether a Californian or a New Yorker, might take note of crime conditions in either state, Humphrey said.

All-out drive set on Hearst scabbing; financial aid asked

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and involve government in seeking a solution to the dispute, longest newspaper strike in California history.

The committee, headed by Joe Angelo of the Steelworkers, was named by Federation Secretary Thomas L. Pitts at the request of Los Angeles Hearst Strike-Lockout Committee representatives. Their request was supported on the floor by Alameda County Central Labor Council Executive Secretary - Treasurer Richard K. Groulx and speakers from other major central labor bodies.

Besides the 5-cent per month donation, the convention action calls for:

1. A request by the Federation that the AFLCIO seek a meeting with Hearst Corporation directors with the aim of immediately starting meaningful negotiations in Los Angeles.

2. A selective boycott of principal Herald-Examiner advertisers and their suppliers.

3. A request that the AFLCIO ask the Labor Department to investigate importation and use by Hearst of professional scabs and to lend its weight to the search for a settlement.

4. A request that the AFLCIO ask the Justice Department to launch a monopoly investigation in Hearst mergers.

5. A similar appeal to the AFLCIO to ask the Internal Revenue Service for a probe of any Hearst tax writeoffs and carryback procedures passing on the cost of its strikebreaking efforts to the taxpayers.

6. Direction to the California Federation to use all its efforts to seek a solution.

Bob Rupert, chief negotiator for the Strike-Lockout Committee, told the convention that "we know Hearst has open shop plans."

One unconfirmed report, he said, has it that a merger is planned between the Herald-Examiner and the Los Angeles Times but cannot be effected unless the Hearst paper is non-union.

Delegates contributed $1,457 for Los Angeles unionists in a collection on the floor.

Other committee members were President James Lee of the State Building Trades Council; Richard Hackler, CWA District 9; Max Osslo, Western Federation of Butchers, and Secretary Sigmund Arywitz of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.

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in there, but he felt this was the time to "go for broke," to allow election of a progressive city council and full time mayor.

"We'll get charter revision on the ballot next time but not district elections," Childers, who voted against the motion, said.

Bay Area tire strike continues; some firms sign

A number of larger independent tire firms have signed interim agreements while the strike of three Teamster local unions continued this week against the rest of the industry.

Striking here were members of Automotive Employees 78. Also on strike against tire companies were Garage Employees 665 in San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and Teamsters 315 in Contra Costa County.

Secretary-Treasurer Bill York of Local 78 said the three unions were standing by for a call from the State Conciliation Service for resumption of negotiations. Earlier talks after the strike began failed to make progress.

Employers, including major tire firms and independents, sell, repair and vulcanize automobile, truck and aircraft tires.

A management wage offer, far below union proposals, was rejected September 11.

Talks continue in truck strike

Negotiations continued Tuesday between Automotive Machinists 1546 and the California Metal Trades Association as more than 250 members remained on strike against 10 truck and trailer firms.

The men who manufacture, repair and convert rigs in Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward and Fremont went out September 23 in support of their wage demands.

Bargaining began in early August and continued past the September 1 expiration date. Members who had authorized strike action, overwhelmingly rejected management's wage offer September 19.

The Alameda County Labor Council granted strike sanction the next day and picket lines were set up the following Monday.